

REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION CONFERENCE APRIL 13

The Great Lakes Commission and the Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration are hosting a Wisconsin Waterfront Revitalization Conference on April 13 in Sheboygan. The deadline for registration is **April 1, 2005**. This conference, at the Blue Harbor Resorts (a former brownfield) focuses on Wisconsin success stories. Mayors, city redevelopment staff and others will describe the tools they are using to convert their waterfront brownfield sites into new development. The conference will include panel discussions and exhibits from government, non-profit and commercial organizations with experience in waterfront revitalization.

To attend the conference or register as an exhibitor, please visit the conference web site at <http://www.glc.org/wiconference>

AIR & WASTE DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

The DNR's Air & Waste Division has completed its Annual Report for 2004. The Division includes the Air Management, Cooperative Environmental Assistance, Remediation and Redevelopment and Waste Management Programs. Al Shea, division administrator, emphasized his continued focus on smart regulation, improvements to provide responsive, efficient, timely, effective and consistent actions, and also noted that the Division's accomplishments came during a 9 percent reduction in its workforce in the 2003-05 biennium. The RR Program's section of the report is at: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/cleanup/rr_success.htm

To view the entire report, please go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/environmentprotect/ar.pdf>

NEW LFB INFORMATIONAL PAPERS

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau (LFB) has posted new informational papers prepared for the Legislature. LFB provides these comprehensive papers in order to provide background on issues that may come before legislators. The environmental papers are available at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lfb/index.html> and include:

- Contaminated Land and Brownfields Cleanup Programs
- Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) Program
- Solid Waste Recycling and Waste Reduction
- Air Management Programs
- Agricultural Chemical Fees and Programs
- Private Sewage System Replacement or Rehabilitation Grant Program
- Nonpoint Source Water Pollution and Soil Conservation Programs
- Environmental Improvement Fund

NAS ARTICLE ON SOURCE ZONES

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) has completed a report on assessing and cleaning up contaminant source zones. The report explores questions such as meaningful definition of a source, how the definition of source impacts removal of the mass, tools to define sources of organic contamination at complex sites and quantifying the degree of uncertainty.

The report is on the web at <http://www.nap.edu/books/030909447X/html/>

COMMERCE LISTS PECFA LENDERS

The Department of Commerce has completed a survey and developed a new list of current PECFA lenders. For more information, please see <http://commerce.wi.gov/newsletter/05feb/pecfa-loan.html>

NATIONAL BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE IN DENVER

Registration has just begun for the Brownfields 2005 conference in Denver, **November 2-4, 2005**. Applications for travel scholarships will be accepted starting in March. For more information and a registration form, please see <http://www.brownfields2005.org/en/index.aspx>

EPA ANNOUNCES UPDATE ON STATE BROWNFIELD PROGRAMS

The report *State Brownfields and Voluntary Response Programs: An Update from the States* looks at state environmental, financial, and technical programs, including incentives to promote brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. The report examines multiple components of state programs, provides a synopsis for each state and includes state contact information. The new report is at www.epa.gov/brownfields.

DNR CONTACT FOR AVIALL DECISION

In its decision on Cooper Industries v. Aviall Services, the U.S. Supreme Court limited the conditions under which one party can sue another to recover cleanup costs when both have caused contamination at the same location. Readers who have questions on this decision may contact Mark F. Giesfeldt, director, Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment at DNR. Mark can be reached at Mark.Giesfeldt@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-267-7562. The Supreme Court decision is available at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/13dec20041215/www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/04pdf/02-1192.pdf>.

This decision does **not** impact the local government "cause of action" under state law (s. 292.33, Wis. Stats.), which allows local governments to recover cleanup costs from private parties. For more information about the local government option, please see <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR579.pdf>.

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